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1. A total of about 2,500 men wearing black-red epaulets with tank, artillery, signals, motor transport or no insignia were estimated to have been quartered in the Panzer Kaserne in Neuruppin between 21 July and 10 August.
2. The weapons and vehicle holdings at this installation were believed to have been as follows:
 - a. 60 T-34/85 tanks
 - b. 20 B.A. 64's
 - c. 12 x 76.2 mm model 42 AT guns
 - d. 24 x 57 mm model 43 AT guns
 - e. 24 x 120 mm mortars
 - f. 40 motorcycles
 - g. 250 trucks
3. A large scale-exercise took place in the Zechlin-Neuendorf-Neuglienicke-Neuruppin area between 25 and 28 July. Approximately 500 men with 40 T-34/85 tanks, 10 B.A. 64's, 12 x 57 mm model 43 AT guns and 60 trucks participated in the exercise. The presumed objective was the capture of an area by combined forces after a preceding air attack. After the arrival of the troops in the assembly area, located at Rossower Heide, groups of 12 aircraft, presumed to have been PE-2's, bombed the forest area "Neuendorf" in continuous waves. After the bombardment, infantry and tanks attacked the target area.

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